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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Group Art Unit: 2614
Richard Humpleman)
For: SET-TOP ELECTRONICS AND)
NETWORK INTERFACE UNIT)
Application No.: 09/771,145)
Filed: January 26, 2001)
Los Angeles, California 90067)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

Please cancel Claims 1-15, without prejudice.

Please add the following new Claims 16-25:

1-- 16. (NEW) A set-top electronics and network interface unit arrangement for use with an internal network configured to provide a network connection between the set-top electronics

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